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Whitehall, May 11.

ON the 3d Inſtant the General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh, and choſe for their Moderator Mr. John Gowdie, one of the Miniſters of that City. His Majeſty's Commiſſion conſtituting the Right Honourable the Marqueſs of Lothian His Majeſty's High Commiſſioner, was read, as was alſo His Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter to the General Aſſembly. His Majeſty's High Commiſſioner made a Speech to the Aſſembly, to which the Moderator in their Name returned a very reſpectful Anſwer. Then a Committee being appointed, drew up a moſt loyal and dutiful Anſwer to His Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter; which Anſwer was unanimouſly agreed to; and having been tranſmitted to his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle, one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been laid before His Majeſty, who was pleaſed to receive it very graciouſly, and is as follows.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

IT is with the greateſt Joy, we underſtand by your Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter, that the Proceedings of our former Aſſemblies have given ſo much Satisfaction to your Majeſty, that you are now graciouſly pleaſed to countenance our preſent Meeting with your Royal Approbation and Authority, and to renew the Aſſurances formerly given us of your fixed and unalterable Reſolution, to maintain this National Church in all its Rights and Priviledges.

As it is our unqueſtionable Duty, ſo it ſhall be our Study and Care, to expreſs the moſt ſincere Loyalty, Zeal, and Affection for your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and for your Royal Family.

As we are now met together by the good Providence of God, and under the Protection of your Majeſty's Authority, ſo we ſhall ſincerely and heartily, through Divine Grace, endeavour to promote, as far as in us lies, the Honour and Glory of God, the Peace and Proſperity of the Church of which we are Members, the Advancement of true Religion and Virtue, and the Good of our Country, and in order thereunto, we ſhall, according to your Majeſty's gracious Recommendation, conſult upon the proper Means of preventing the Growth of Popery, and ſuppreſſing all Prophaneneſs and Immorality.

We ſhall be much encouraged, in purſuing theſe great and good Ends, by the Aſſurance your Majeſty is pleaſed to give us, that while we do ſo, we may always depend upon your Royal Protection and Favour, and your ready Concurrence in ſuch prudent Meaſures as may moſt effectually anſwer ſuch pious Purpoſes.

We hope that all our Conſultations ſhall be conducted with that Prudence and Moderation, that Charity and Brotherly Love, that becomes ſuch a Body; which, under God, and the gracious Influence of your Majeſty's Countenance, will give Weight to our Determinations, and Succeſs to our Endeavours.

The Loyalty and Zeal of the moſt Honourable the Marqueſs of Lothian for your Majeſty's Service, his affectionate Concern for the Church of Scotland, his Abilities for the Diſcharge of ſo great a Truſt, of which we have had former Experience, make your Majeſty's Choice of him to repreſent your Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly moſt acceptable to us; and we beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, that nothing ſhall be wanting on our Part, to make the Diſcharge of his high Truſt eaſy and agreeable to him.

We offer up our moſt unfeigned Thanks to our gracious God, that he has been pleaſed, in his great Goodneſs, to place your Majeſty upon the Throne of your Anceſtors, which is ſo great a Bleſſing, not only to your Majeſty's own Dominions, but to all the Proteſtant Churches: And we fervently pray, That God may bleſs and long preſerve your Majeſty; That you may be ever under the gracious Protection of his Providence, and Conduct of his good Spirit; That he may bleſs and long preſerve your Royal Conſort the Queen, his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, and all the reſt of the Royal Family; and that there may never be wanting one of your Royal Houſe to ſway the Scepter over us; theſe are, and ſhall be, the Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt faithful, moſt obedient, and moſt loyal Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders met in the National Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Preſence, and at our Appointment, by

J. Gowdie, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 5, 1733.

Whitehall,